GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SCHEME
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether solar photovoltaic energy scheme is being implemented in Andaman & Nicobar Islands; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is implementing the (1) Solar Photovoltaic Demonstration Programme, (2) Solar Lantern Programme and (3) Solar Photovoltaic Water Pumping Programme in the Island Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar.

During 2006-07 a total of 130 solar street lighting systems and 1,000 solar lanterns have been sanctioned to Andaman & Nicobar. Under the scheme the Ministry is providing a central financial assistance of Rs. 9,600/- per solar street light and Rs. 2,400/- per solar lantern to individuals and non-commercial organizations in the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar. In addition, a school going girl child belonging to BPL family and studying in class IX − XII, and residing in the un-electrified villages of the Islands is eligible to get one solar lantern free of cost during her entire period of school study.

Till 31st March, 2007 a total of 358 Solar Street Lighting Systems, 405 Solar Home Lighting Systems, 6,296 Solar Lanterns, 5 Solar Pumps, 100 kWp aggregate capacity grid connected SPV plants and 167 kWp aggregate capacity standalone SPV plants were installed in the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.